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The theme of the 2008-2009 Cornerstone Yearbook is "along these lines." It was inspired by the feeling of community at Chatham and how, through our diversity and uniqueness, our lives cross paths and come together in similar ways that are unifying and indicative of the Chatham spirit. This book documents the lives of Chatham students who share in each others' fun, struggles and successes. Celebrate this year of accomplishment at Chatham University and the 93rd edition of the Cornerstone. Enjoy the trip down memory lane and see how each of us lives differently but still along the same lines.

Greetings from President Barazzone

Dr. Esther Barazzone
President

Chatham alumnae care deeply about the women's college, and one of the things they care most deeply about is that the College continues to provide the same high quality education experience they enjoyed as undergraduates. When the members of the Class of 2009 return to campus ten or twenty years from now, this is likely to be on your minds too. Although I cannot predict the future, I can say that we are doing everything in our power to ensure Chatham's future success. And what is happening now makes me very optimistic about our future.

Let me share one example by way of illustration. Earlier this month, Chatham opened an exhibit of the art of Naoko Matsubara, one of the foremost woodblock print artists in the world. At the opening the artist recounted how an event she attended at Chatham in 1961, a concert by Indian sitar player Ravi Shankar, inspired her to memorialize the experience in two woodblock prints and in turn inspired her to make woodblock prints her life's work.

Matsubara's story underscores two things about the College: first, it has a long and rich tradition in the arts, one which has seen artists, musicians, actors, dancers, writers and filmmakers come to campus to perform, create, teach and inspire; and second, as the Matsubara exhibit and the upcoming campus visit by author Peter Matthiessen demonstrate, access to world-class cultural opportunities continues to be a hallmark of a Chatham education.

If anything, today's students have even more opportunities than the women who came before them. I recently traveled to Dubai to attend the Education Without Borders conference at the invitation of the Institute for International Education and the Higher Colleges of Technology. Joining me were three undergraduates, one of whom was selected to present a paper at the conference. These three women had an opportunity to meet and take part in sessions with students from around the world. That kind of educational opportunity would not likely have been available to our alumnae – even to relatively recent graduates. It is a mark of how Chatham is adapting to an increasingly globalized world.

As I see Chatham's traditional strengths (in the arts, for example) rejuvenated and joined by new opportunities (in the international arena and at Eden Hall Campus and Chatham Eastside) I feel confident that Chatham has a bright future ahead. So confident, in fact, that when the Class of 2009 returns to campus ten or twenty years from now and asks how their alma mater is faring, I'm fairly certain the answer will be "Better than ever!"

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From A ...

Letters from

Dr. Anne Skleder

Since I arrived at Chatham in the Summer of 2007 I have been continually amazed by the community here. While the faculty, staff, alumnae, friends and supporters have impressed me, it's the CHATHAM WOMEN who have won my heart. I am grateful for the opportunity to spend time sharing in the lives of the students of Chatham College for Women—getting to know you and learning from you as my students, advisees, athletes, musicians, actors, student government leaders and throwers of pies in my face at Pi Day!!

The intellect, talent, energy and courage of Chatham women astounds and inspires me each and every day. All of these are why we celebrate the Class of 2009! I have had two years to watch you grow, learn and become ready to take on the world. There is nothing you all cannot do, and I look forward to hearing "reports from the field" of the impact of youWorld Ready Women —around the corner and all over the world!

Congratulations, best of luck, and please keep in touch.
The world awaits!

All the best,
Anne Skleder
"Dr. S"

... To Z

the Deans

Dr. Zauyah Waite

Hurray to the **Class of 2009**! You Made It! The **Class of 2009** will always hold a special place in my heart as the first class I will see walk across the stage at commencement. I am excited for your future after Chatham to begin and look forward to remaining in contact with many of you in the years and decades to come. I am confident your years at Chatham have changed you in many positive ways.

Chatham is a better place because of you and it continues to reflect the many outstanding qualities that are a direct result of your hard work and commitment. Your legacy continues at Chatham. As many of you can attest, Chatham is much more than going to class. It is attending events, making lifelong friends and challenging your belief systems in an environment that promotes your personal growth and development.

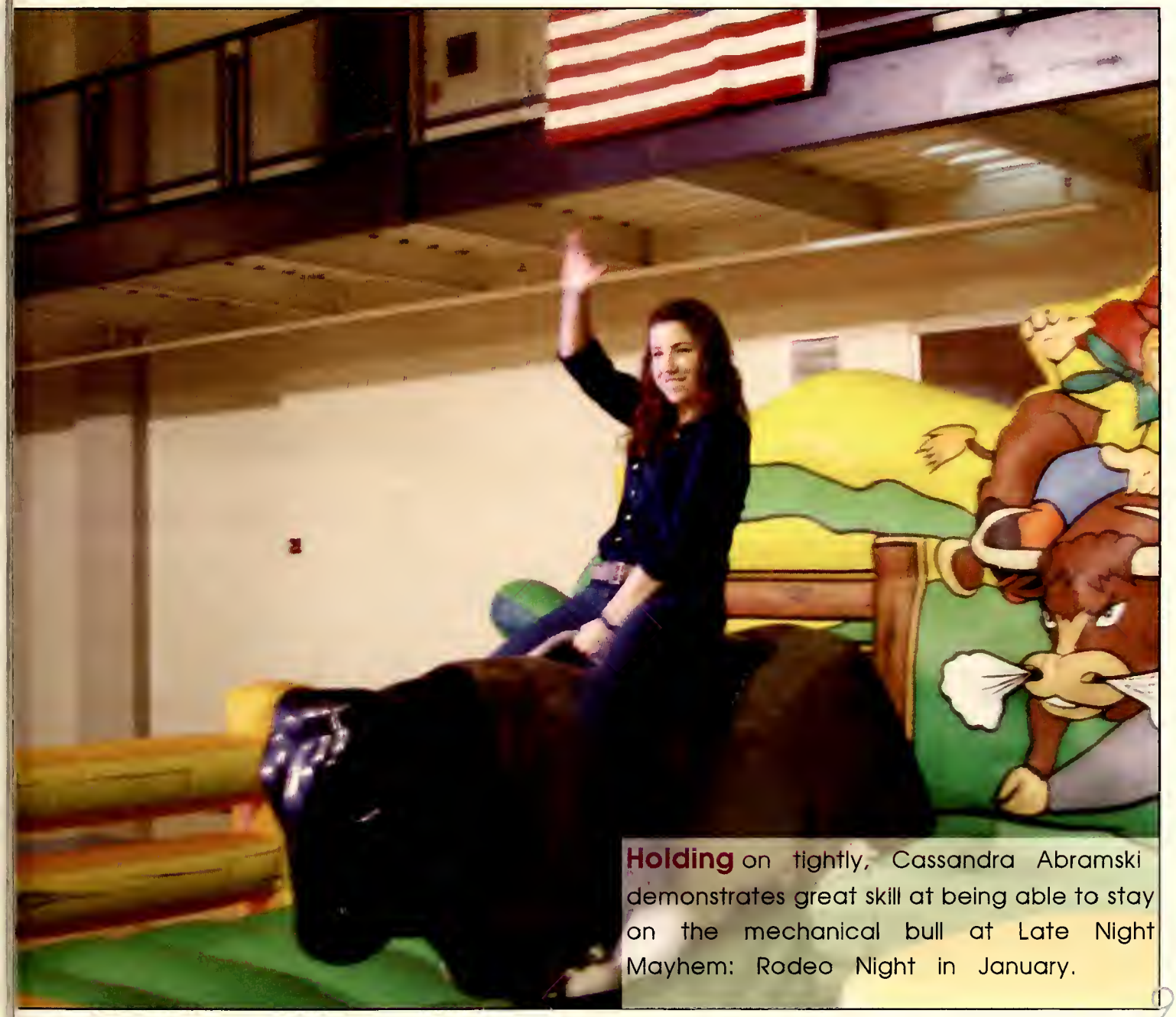
As you leave Chatham, do know that I will pledge to continue working hard to enhance the life of our students. I challenge you to be an active alumna who will always carry a special place in your heart and mind for how Chatham has helped define who you are. Chatham women WILL change the world and I have no doubt that you will accomplish many amazing milestones.

Thank you for being a big part of my life and for enriching Chatham. Remember to come back and visit your **Cougar Country OFTEN.** Here's to many happy adventures and the joyous experiences.

I cannot wait to reconnect with you in the future.

Sincerely,
ZauyahWaite,Ph.D.

Events



Holding on tightly, Cassandra Abramski demonstrates great skill at being able to stay on the mechanical bull at Late Night Mayhem: Rodeo Night in January.

Orientation Week

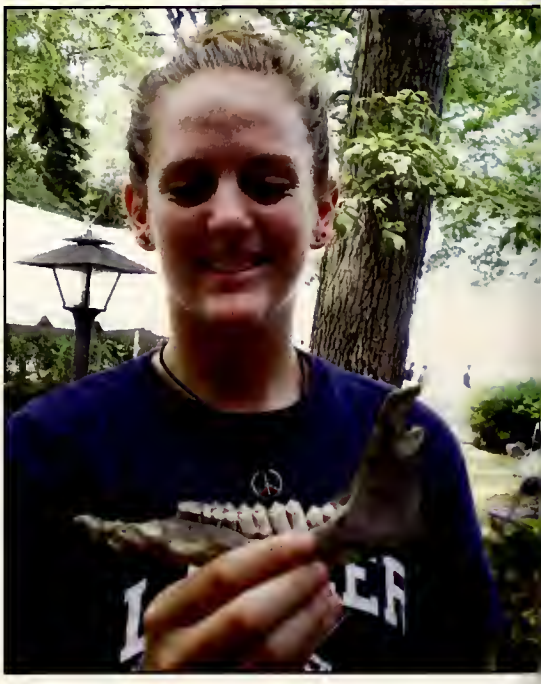
by Hallie Arena

In the final weeks of August, Orientation Leaders (OLs) and Resident Advisors (RAs) arrived early to begin the preparation for the new school year. Through ice breakers, role playing, and training sessions, these campus leaders prepared to greet the new transfer students and the incoming Class of 2012.

This year's orientation was set apart from years past as OLs and RAs ventured to Chatham's newest addition, Eden Hall Farm, for an overnight adventure of training and bonding. Though the long days were often exhausting, everyone was re-energized on move-in day when new students and their families arrived with bedding sets, towels, lamps, shower totes, and pictures of family and friends.

It was during the fun days of Orientation that transfer and first-year students were given keys to their new home and were introduced to faculty and staff. What a way to start the year off... meeting new friends and learning about the traditions at the Shadyside and Eden Hall Farm campuses.

President Esther Barazzone greets the first-years, orientation leaders and resident advisors after the traditional fall serenade.

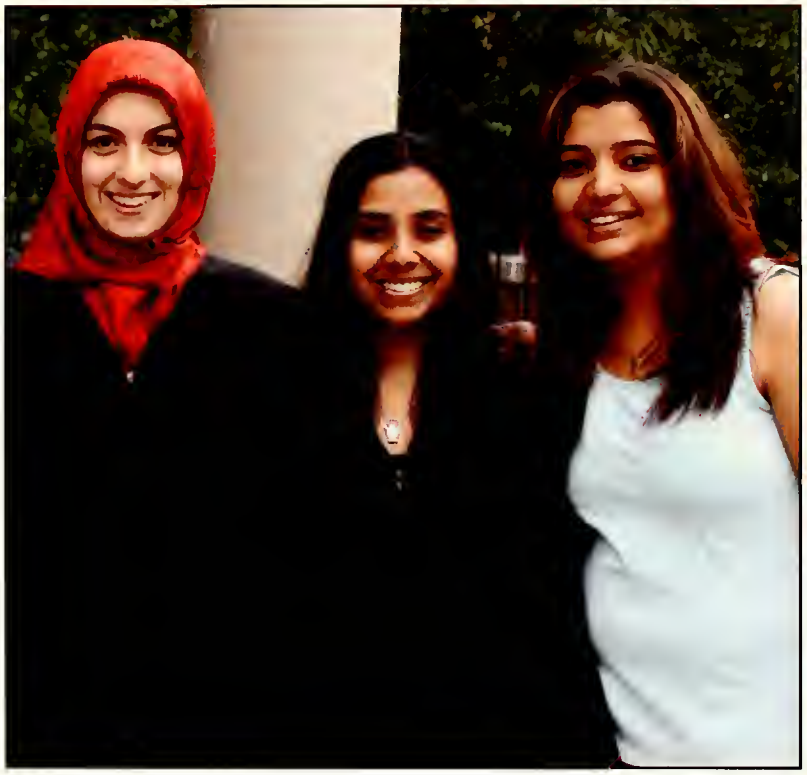


Smiling at what she has found, first-year Ashley Reid examines a fossil from Eden Hall Farm.

At Casino Night, Kim Nagy, Megan Balsley, Clara Kitongo, Allison Lamb, Allison Bodine, Corinna Boyle, and Laura Newman pause their game of blackjack to smile.

First-years Tiffany Ross, Marchelle Yatsko, Anastasia Markiw, Dania Yu, and Jenn Van Dam work on pressing flowers.

Lining up in single file order, the Class of 2009 prepares to proceed into the Chapel.



After the exciting ceremony, Zeynep Yanar, Maryam Kamran, and Zubina Sarao pose for a picture.

Seniors Angela Whalen, Cait McCabe, and Evelyn Mann walk one by one down the aisle.

Opening Convocation

Reading from the program, seniors Ashley Deitz, Jessica Baker, Erica Bilski, and Tillie Eze take part in the traditions of the ceremony.

by Jenn Hollern

Students piled into the newly remodeled Chapel in September for Opening Convocation. The official kick-off of the academic year, Opening Convocation is attended by students, faculty and staff. Students sit with their class and most wear their class colors; green and white for the Class of 2012, rose and white for the Class of 2011, yellow and white for the Class of 2010 and red and white for the seniors, the Class of 2009.

Faculty members and the Senior Class, dressed in full regalia, began the ceremony with a procession into the chapel. Dr. Lenz, the Faculty Marshal, opened convocation and the academic year with the ceremonial mace. President Barazzone and guest speakers then officially opened the new year with welcoming remarks. For the Class of 2012 this was their first glimpse at one of Chatham's most longstanding traditions.

Sophomores Sarah Sindler, Tiffany Tupper, Katy Colleton, and Kara LaVarnway stand behind fellow sophomore Emma Blackman-Mathis and sing along to their version of "I'm Yours" by Jason Mraz.

First-years Amber Phillips, Emily Brock, and Melissa Jordan clap their hands while performing their piece for Song Contest. The Class of 2012 placed third for Battle of the Classes, quite an impressive finish.

Members of the senior and junior classes pose for a picture after tying for first place in Battle of the Classes. The two classes were close throughout the entire competition with Song Contest deciding the winner.

Battle of the Classes

by Amber Phillips

Chatham women showed their true competitive colors November 9, 2008 as the campus turned into an all-out battleground. Only those with the most creativity, class spirit, and endurance survived. Filled with fun-lovin' trash talk, underground rehearsals, and secret events, the four classes were pinned in a struggle to be "top dog" for the year. Kicking off with window painting and ending with Song Contest, Battle of the Classes is one of our most beloved and anticipated traditions.

Song Contest – a tradition at Chatham for over 70 years - is the culmination of the competition and can make or break a team. Complete with dramatic and comical performances that remix traditional Chatham songs with the songs of today, the greatest number of points are awarded for this all-campus event. The most trash talk of the event came from the triumphant seniors who ended on a high note and held onto the top spot for the fourth year in a row! The first year class was not, however, unprepared as their elders expected. Filled with a newly found Chatham pride, the class showed up in record numbers throughout the week of events. In a shock to the seniors, the mighty women in yellow - the class of 2010 - were determined not to take a back seat and displayed eagerness and creativity in their "Wizard of Chatham" spoof. The Class of 2011 put up a good fight this year, using the cutest squirrel costumes ever seen during Song Contest. But, unfortunately, they could not compete with the three-way rivalry that formed between the first years, juniors, and seniors.

In the end the seniors shared their 1st place title with the juniors, the first year class took 2nd place and the sophomores ended in 3rd place. And, if you ask every class what their plans are, the answer is always the same..."START PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR!"

Holiday Traditions

by Lara Sprague

Traditions during the holiday season are always something special at Chatham. Not only do they provide a wa for staff, students, faculty, family, and friends to unite as a connected family, but also harmonize the many voices of ou community into one Chatham spirit. Candlelight, Chatham Eggnog, and the Holiday Ball join past and prese Chatham members for a night full of beautiful music, friendship, dancing and great food!

Candlelight offers the chance to learn about world traditions, including Christmas, Kwanza, Hanukkah, ar Solstice, and represents our appreciation of the arts as we sing selected carols. The ceremony ends with the lighting the candles as we share the light with our neighbors. Being a part of the path of the candlelight provides a speci feeling of community and fitting start to the holiday season.

At Chatham Eggnog, staff, faculty, students, and guests socialize in the Mellon Board Room. As always, it wa packed wall-to-wall with great appetizers and desserts, not to mention the beloved eggnog! Then students headed ov to Holiday Ball to get down and dance it all out! Buhl Hall was lovingly decorated in lights and snow decoration providing the perfect ambiance for a winter dance. Chatham Activities Board provided the food, drink and DJ for th blow-out tradition. The Chatham women were dressed to the 9s and end their semester in style, dancing and laughin well into the evening.

Seniors Denise Cupp, Jessica Byrd, and Jessica Moran look festive at the 2008 Holiday Ball.

Senior Maureen McGuirk and her date pause from dancing to pose for a picture.

Sophomores Bethany Segal, Meredith Troyan, Mollie Kaufer, Katie Lucas, and their guest all smile for the camera.

Moonlight Breakfast

by Amber Phillips

When finals are hectic and you need a break that can satisfy both mind and stomach, Moonlight Breakfast is the tradition for you! One of the most delicious traditions at Chatham, Moonlight Breakfast occurs every Reading Day before finals, offering students a late-night meal with the works: pancakes, bacon, eggs, and made-to-order omelets crafted by our beloved professors, administrators and staff.

This year, lines were out the door with students waiting for a famous "Lenz Special," "Buxbaumlet" and many other tasty treats. As students moved through the circus of food, athletic coaches and university staff aimed to serve: pouring drinks and emptying trays as participants finished their meal.

A night filled with good food, great friends, and amazing door prizes, this tradition has already become a Chatham favorite in its short life. Of course, it is not difficult to understand why as students can demand a perfect omelet toss from the professor whose exam, presentation, or essay will keep them awake until the wee hours of the morning!

Dean of Chatham College for Women, Dr. Anne Skleder, takes a break from making omelettes to pose for a picture with first year Amber Phillips.

Alums of the class of 2008. Jessica Cassidy and Jennifer Quimby, and Lauren Hurley smile together while serving the drinks during Moonlight Breakfast.

While enjoying each other's company, friends Victoria Pinter, Elizabeth Minutello, Kelly Austin, Ebony Williams, Hang Li, Athena Birckbichler, and Katie Leap show how much they appreciate the delicious food.

Making sure to not miss a spot, Jenalee Schenk paints the trim of a door at Sorjourner House in East Liberty.

Adding the final strip of tape, Amanda Maksim finishes the cardboard box home that looks strong enough to withstand the rain.

Large quantities of duct tape was the strategy that Vanessa Thompson decided to use when making her home in Box City.

Playing the piano with impressive skill, Lidija Barbaric entertains the guests the InSisterhood openin reception in March. (right)

Chatham Volunteers

Leading the community to greatness

by Jenn Hollern

Rain or shine, volunteers at Chatham University are dedicated to a diverse set of experiences this year, was kicked off with Box City in the Fall. The event displayed the rugged capabilities of Chatham women in foraging the elements to survive for a night on the quad, it brought to light the challenge of homelessness in Pittsburgh and beyond. Events throughout the year tested the willingness of students and staff alike to sacrifice personal comforts for a greater cause. The Hunger Banquet and Alternative Spring Break: Home Field Advantage also offered the Chatham community the opportunity to go outside the box, and explore experiences of those less fortunate. The year ended with Box City: Take II - two days of service and growth that benefited East End Cooperative Ministry homeless services.

WOMEN OF COLOR
HerStory Month

by *Amber Phillips*

Through dynamic programming and events, Chatham celebrated its 2nd annual Women of Color HerStory Month. Starting February 15th and lasting until March 15th each year, the month brides Black History Month and Women's History Month. This year's events were spearheaded by the four Class Presidents, Student Affairs, and members of the Chatham community. The month started with an unveiling of "Through the Eyes of Chatham," a visual display celebrating the diversity that exists right here on our own campus. A phenomenal keynote address was given by the class presidents, Jessica Moran '09, Noemi Vargas '10, Tiffany Tupper '11, and Amber J. Phillips '12. The event also included music and beautiful remarks from Dr. Esther Barazzone, administrators, and students. It concluded with the reading of "Still I Rise" by Maya Angelou to remind those in attendance to not just celebrate diversity and the legacy of women of color during Women of Color HerStory, but to make it an everyday practice to celebrate those who have come before and sacrificed to make opportunities for today. The kick-off event generated energy and many other events took place on campus from a student-led discussion series, "Exploring Women of Color," to "HerStory: OurStory: An Evening of Expression" that showcased talent within the Chatham and Pittsburgh community. This year's events were truly amazing and inspiring for all who took part. Here's to looking forward the 3rd annual celebration!

Standing in front of the audience, organizers Noemi Vargas and Amber Phillips make a speech about the event.

Entertains the others, Daeja Baker recites a very powerful reading.

The participants of the HerStory event, Evening of Expression, pose for a picture.

Members of the Chatham Step Club are all smiles on the Evening of Expression.

Following the theme of the evening, Carli Duncan and Alyssa Crozier show that they came prepared with their overnight bags.

Jessica Moran, Megan Morrissey, Noemi Vargas, and Adrianne Krings cannot tear their eyes away from *Twilight*.

After winning a night out in Pittsburgh at the Suitcase Party night, Stephanie Jellison (far right) picked three friends- Mary McMahon, Anne DeFazio, and Amy Kuuskoski- to go with her for the limo ride, dessert at The Melting Pot, a tour of Pittsburgh, and more!

Chatham Cinema Nights

by Jenn Hollern

The Chatham Cinema pre-release series kicked off January 16th as students filled the Eddy Theater with overnight bags and friends in tow for the Suitcase Party & "Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist." After the movie, the raffle of the term took place and four Chatham women were whisked away for a night on the town in a stretch limo for a fantastic spring kick-off! Once a month, Eddy Theater was converted into a free movie space for the Chatham community, showing "Twilight," "Seven Pounds," and "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button." Chatham Cinema provided free movies and popcorn for students & friends on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons, creating a real movie culture!

Chatham's Own

Taking time away from enjoying the show, Robin Greenberg, Allison Bodine, and Veronica Leone smile for a picture together.

Mark Rice: self-taught singer/songwriter

Dancing the night away, Cassandra Gable and Chiara McGuire show how much they like the concert.

Rock the Cause

by Lara Sprague

As students piled into the AFC gymnasium-turned-concert venue for the 2nd Annual Rock the Cause benefit concert, it was clear that the organizers hit their mark and had taken it to the next level! Presented by the Graduate Student Assembly in coordination with the Chatham Activities Board and Office of Student Activities, the night brought together five great music acts and just over 300 students and off-campus guests to support the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force food bank.

Nearly $1,000 and hundreds of pounds of canned goods were collected through a department canned food drive, donations at the door and a raffle featuring donations from generous Pittsburgh businesses.

The main draw was, of course, the music including the headliner Punchline (with Gramsci Melodic, The Cascade Atlantic, Portis Project and Chatham's own Mark Rice with special guest Sarah Hallas. DJ Zimmie spun throughout the night, tying it all together and keeping the place rocking! It was actually a coming home of sorts for the guys of Punchline who started their career over a decade ago playing Chatham's Rea Coffeehouse! They have now sold over 100,000 albums worldwide. This memorable night with back-to-back performances proved that Chatham really knows how to Rock the Cause!

Serenading the crowd at Rock the Cause, Punchline gives the audience a great show. The band, founded in 1998, made one of their first ever appearances at our own Rea Coffeehouse.

W.O.W.

Women of the World Retreat

by Jenn Hollern and Amber Phillips

Encompassing both powerful women and brainstorming at its best, this retreat gathered a group of enthusiastic Chatham women to let great ideas and solutions to student issues flow like a river. Organized by the new VP of Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Dr. Zauyah Waite, and Acting Coordinator of Student Activities, Kristin DeLuca, the retreat hit the ground running with a dynamic presentation by Dr. Maureen Walker from Wellesley College's well-known Stone Center and activities facilitated by Dr. Anne Skleder.

The next two days took place at the beautiful Eden Hall Farm Campus where everyone made a mad dash to find the best room! Dean Waite, Kristin DeLuca and Sarah Hallas were all there to guide the retreat, and time flew by! The weekend was filled with hard work and discussions about solutions to address challenges in the Chatham community. Of course, a Chatham event at Eden Hall would not be complete without bowling, pool, and rounds of Bananagrams to provide everyone with a well deserved break.

The end of the weekend was pulled together by the passing out of a purple pebble to each participant and the reading of an excerpt of Robert F. Kennedy's speech, "The Ripple of Hope." This message communicated the importance of carrying our work out into the Chatham Community and to continue being leaders of change on campus and in the world around us.

Displaying her clipboard, Allyson Holder explains why she picked the words for her "what I want to be" collage.

Standing on the balcony at Eden Hall Farm, Amber Phillips, Jenn Van Dam, Elizabeth Wilkinson, and Veronica Leon pose for a picture.

Enjoying the atmosphere around her, Allie Reznik talks to her sister retreaters.

Most retreats start with personality tests as Rachelle DelliCarpini, Maria Williams-Reyna, and Lara Sprague discover.

Using the bowling alley at Eden Hall Farm, Jenn Hollern manually sets up the pins.

rganizations

Fooling around before the Forensics Club's annual Murder Mystery Night, the Student Activities team shows how well they work together.

biology society

Front Row: Tina Conway, Alyssa Crozier, Stephanie Fitzsimmons. **Middle Row:** Samantha Gess, Liz Manganaro. **Back Row:** Casey Pawl, Dr. Mary Kostalos (advisor), Catie Manganaro.

black student union

Front Row: Briana Jackson, Erricka Hager, Chaquica Shipman, Asia Mitchell. **Back Row:** Debra White, Lauren Bey, Nicole Joyner, Virginia Paul, Michanty Battle. (2008 picture)

chatham christian fellowship

Front Row: Dominique Bartmas, Daeja Baker. **Back Row:** Caitlin Moss, Jackie Ruso, Stephany Warrick-Elm.

chatham college progressives

Front Row: Katie McAuley, Michael Allen (doll), Tiffany Tupper. **Back Row:** Anne DeFazio, Chelsea Rumbaugh.

Chatham College Republicans

Front Row: Samantha Gess, Alese Underwood. **Back Row:** Liz Manganaro, Courtney Sebek, Catie Manganaro.

Chatham Entrepreneurship Club

Front Row: List: Nicole Yallum, Alexandra Reinhardt. **Back Row:** Krystal Kelly, Anne Flynn Schlicht (advisor).

chatham forensics club

Front Row: Veronica Leone, Rachel Tripp. **Back Row:** Maggie O'Malia, Megan White, Christina Casciato, Dr. Sheila Seelau (advisor).

chatham marketing association

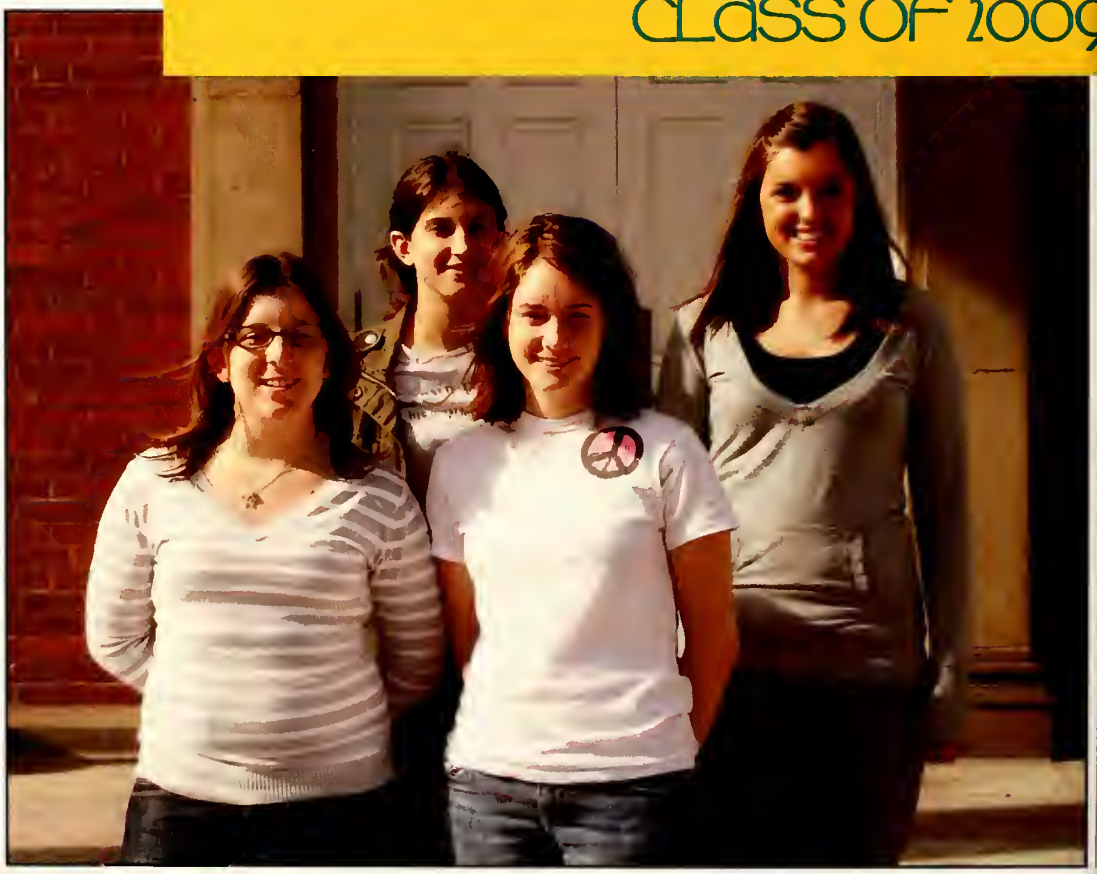
Front Row: Lauren Gelli, Jasmine Davis. **Back Row:** Jenna Ammer, Ashley Paterra, Alexandra Reinhardt, Dr. Deborah DeLong (advisor).

chemistry society

Front Row: Jenna Luek, Alyssa Crozier. **Back Row:** Rachel Newton, Veronica Leone.

class of 2009

Front Row: Megan Morrissey, Jessica Moran. **Back Row:** Melissa Tosiano, Denise Cupp. **Not Pictured:** Emily Markham.



Class of 2010

Front Row: Noemi Vargas. **Middle Row:** Melanie Ceraso, Rachel Tripp. **Back Row:** Veronica Leone, Erricka Hager, Autumn Diaz.

Class of 2011

Front Row: Taylor Gray, Tiffany Tupper. **Back Row:** Tina Conway, Katy Colleton, Barb Petty. **Not Pictured:** Danni Petyo.

class of 2012

Amber Phillips, Rachael Wilkinson, Jenn Lampetis, Melissa Jordan.

gateway student association

Front Row: Lara Sprague, Annette Williams. **Middle Row:** Amanda Santmyer, Laura Winfrey, Chelsea Skelly. **Back Row:** Mauritza Strong, Deborah Lyles, Leigh Montgomery, Emma Johnson (advisor).

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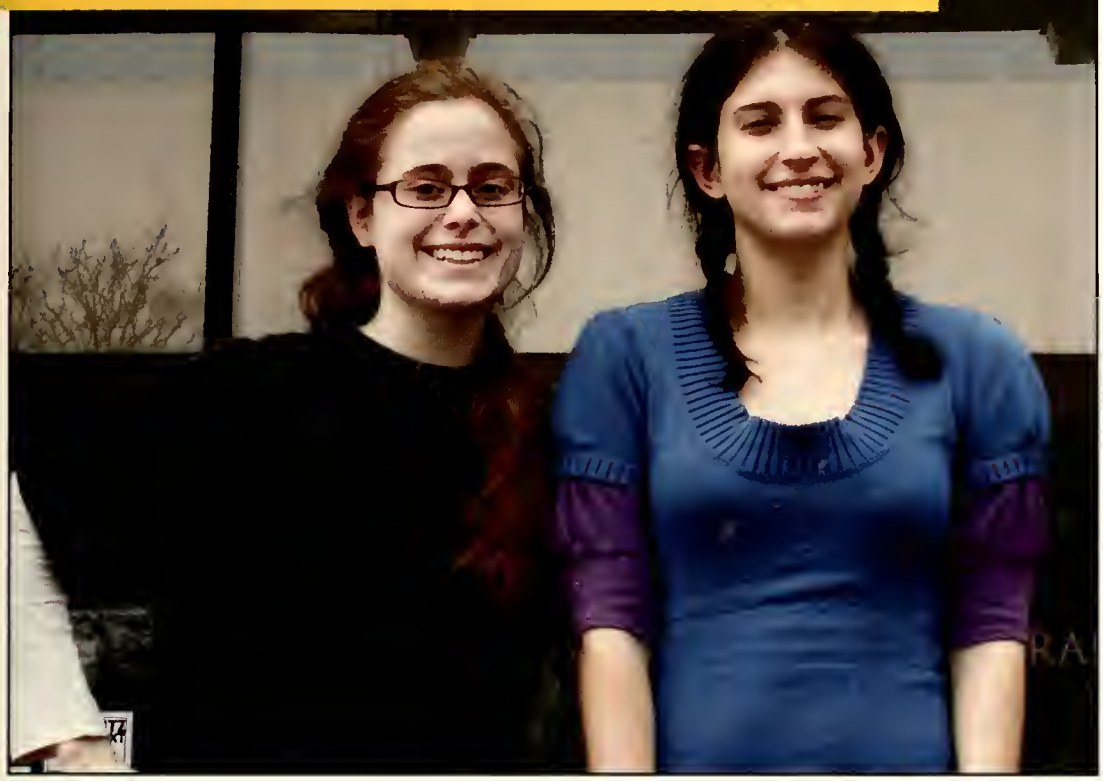

Miranda Gray, Melissa Tosiano.

green horizons

Front Row: Amanda Maksim, Cheryl Sedlock, Sarah Gibson. **Back Row:** Katy Colleton, Liz Rogers, Emma Hooper. **Not Pictured:** Anne DeFazio, Sarah Sindler, Megan Gallagher, Chelsea Rumbaugh.

International Student Association

Front Row: Man Cai, Sarah Urick. **Back Row:** Xiaowen Wang, Sowmya Narayanan, Qin Zuo. **Not Pictured:** Yulia Amanbaeva, Zelu Wang.

Mortar Board

Front Row: Angela Whalen, Melissa Tosiano, Miranda Gray. **Back Row:** Cathleen Colbert, Casey Pawl, Dr. Anne Skleder (advisor), Elizabeth Cochran.

nuslim student association

Front Row: Shraddha Shrestha, Zubina Sarao, Maryam Kamran. **Back Row:** Ahlam Yousef, Dr. Christine Michelmore (advisor), Eman Daghestani, Orishtha Ray, Bayan Daghestani, Zeynep Yanar. (2008 picture)

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Front Row: Becca Deist, Sara Mayo. **Back Row:** Katy Colleton, Leanna Lubinski, Krystal Kelly, Nicole Yallum.

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Front Row: Bianca Ruthven, Sulvia Doja, Maryam Kamran. **Middle Row:** Ahlam Yousef, Zeynep Yanar, Zubina Sarao. **Back Row:** Sabriyah Abdul-Kabir, Kezia Lowery, Orishtha Ray. (2008 picture)

social work is real life

Front Row: Laura Fauble, Kelly Austin, Caitlin Garrity. **Back Row:** Rachelle Born, Kassie Collinridge, Clare Drake. **Not Pictured:** Dr. Melissa Bell (advisor), Rebecca Pollino.

student athletic advisory committee

Front Row: Jaime Retersdorf (co-advisor), Samantha Greenwood, Courtney Korzeniowski. **Back Row:** Amy Buxbaum (co-advisor), Kristie Brannon, Barb Petty, Brittany Brown.

students against sexual oppression

Front Row: Meg Padula, Sydney Williams, Cassandra Abramski, Laura Douglas, Clare Drake, Jessie Tymoczko. **Back Row:** Athena Birckbichler, Brenn Scott, Kate McEwen, Molly Johnston.

Athletics

Working for Chatham, seniors Allason Holt and Hallie Arena defend their opponents.

Cross Country

by Samantha Greenwood

This year, the Chatham Cross Country team ran its first season of races. Coached by Hadara Adelson, Maggie Leathers, Leanna Lubinski, Samantha Greenwood, Brittany Goncar, Justine Sumrok, Danielle Karhut, Sarah Gibson and Holly Galonis competed for the Cougars in seven meets held throughout the conference. In an inspiring season characterized by hard work and dedication, the team exceeded both campus and conference expectations.

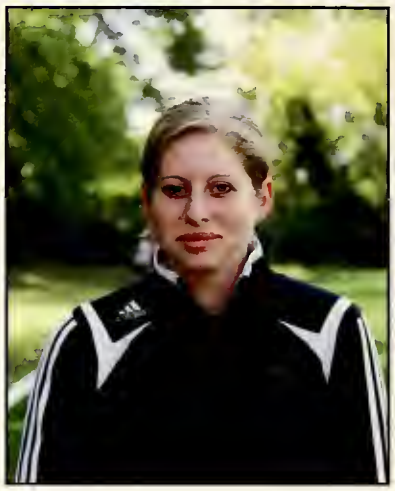
The season kicked off with the Westminster Invitational, a meet which included fourteen teams at which Chatham placed tenth. Notable meets include the St. Vincent Invitational, at which Maggie Leathers placed thirty-fifth out of one hundred and twenty five runners, and the Carnegie Mellon Invitational which garnered generous local support for the burgeoning Chatham team. The team ran in the President's Athletic Conference meet at VAO Park in Cleveland, Ohio and qualified for the NCAA Mideast Regional meet which concluded the team's 2008 season.

Chatham expects more great things from the Cross Country team in the future.

Award Winners

Most Valuable Player

Maggie Leathers



Coach's Award

Sam Greenwood

he sun beating down did not op Justine Sumrok from nishing the race.

With a look of determination, Danielle Karhut keeps her eye on the prize.

unning at a quick pace, laggie Leathers continues to be head of the pack. (left)

Lining up at the start, Brittany Goncar, Sarah Gibson, Danielle Karhut, and Samantha Greenwood prepare for the race.

Ignoring the heat, Sarah Gibson keeps running to the end.

After stopping the ball, goalkeeper Mary McMahon prepares to kick it back into play.

Defense player Courtney Korzeniowski kicks the ball th back to a fellow member the Chatham soccer tear

Forward Kristie Brannon keeps the ball from going to the opposite team with some fancy footwork.

Defense player Ashley Bates, with a look of determination, struggles to take the ball from her opponent.

Members of the Chatham soccer team gather arour Coach Jaime Retersdorf to prepare for the game. (righ

Soccer

Award Winners

Most Valuable Player

Mary McMahon

Coach's Award

Ashley Bates

by Meg Padula

The Chatham Cougars struggled through a rigorous season to end the year with a 1-15-1 record. Chatham was 1-5-1 in conference, high enough to edge out Thiel College, which improved their ranking in the President's Athletic Conference.

The Cougars' single victory came against fellow PAC member Thiel with the final score at 2-1. The goals in the late November game came from Junior Defender Courtney Korzeniowski and Junior Forward Kristie Brannon, both unassisted.

The Cougars' tie of the season would come against PAC member Bethany, with a final score of 3-3. Chatham scores would come from Sophomore Midfielder Paige Dunlap, assisted by Brannon, and two unassisted goals from Junior Forward Kristin Podboy. While Podboy's goals would tie the game, neither the Cougars nor the Bisons could achieve a decisive victory in the following two overtimes.

Acknowledging the increasing skills of the Cougars, the coaches of the PAC chose to nominate two Chatham women to the All-Conference Team. Senior Goalie Mary McMahon led the PAC in saves with 182, as well as averaging 12.8 saves a game. Sophomore Defender Ashley Bates was also named, in recognition of her consistently strong performance.

With the Cougar soccer team continuing to improve, excellent performance is expected in the years to come.

Tennis

by Meg Padula

After a challenging year, Chatham tennis finished the season with a 3-3 record in the Presidents' Athletic Conference and a record of 4-9 overall.

The team started four players from last year: seniors Rebecca Minges and Sarah Urick, and sophomores Barb Petty and Meg Padula. Newcomers to the team were senior Tory MacKenzie and sophomore Katie Lucas.

Chatham's tennis team started off slowly with a tough schedule at the beginning and close losses in the middle; however, the team turned itself around with a 5-4 victory over Washington & Jefferson. This successful match led to a streak of four wins, including a first-time defeat of Geneva College.

Another first this year was the naming of sophomore Barb Petty to PAC Player of the Week. Petty went 3-0 in singles, including a commanding win over Division I Robert Morris's #1 singles player, and 2-0 in doubles.

Next year's team looks to improve upon their record of 3-3 in the conference.

Award Winners

Most Valuable Player

Barb Petty

Coach's Award

Meg Padula

Racing for the ball, Meg Padula gets there in time to send the ball back to her opponent.

Focused on defeating her opponent, Tory MacKenzie gets her racket back to fire a return over the net.

Sporting a look of determination, Barb Petty returns a volley from the opposition with ease. (left)

Listening closely, Katie Lucas gets excellent advice from Coach Aaron Wilf. The advice was sure to help Lucas defeat her opponent.

With her feet set, Sarah Urick prepares to defend the net from any short balls that may come her way.

Bouncing the ball, Ashley Mittenzwey prepares to serve to her opponent.

Standing near, Kayla Hilko looks on while teammate Olivia Hess, jumps high into the air to keep the ball from coming across the net.

Outside hitter, Laura Bock, braces herself for intense gameplay.

Determined to not let the other team win, Alese Underwood hits the ball high into the air.

Coming together as a team, the Cougar volleyball players get ready for the match. (right)

Volleyball

Award Winners

Most Valuable Player

Erika Juran

Coach's Award

Brittany Coscia

by Meg Padula

The Chatham volleyball team endured another difficult season with their second year in the Presidents' Athletic Conference. The team finished their season with record of 0-14 in the PAC and 0-26 overall.

The Cougars had four returning players: Brittany Coscia, Camille Herby, Erika Juran, and Alese Underwood, and had 11 new players join the squad. Some key new additions to the team were Laura Bock, Allison Bodine, Olivia Hess, Kayla Hilko, Justine Kassay, and Ashley Mittenzwey. With 15 players, it was certainly an increase in participation from last year's small team.

Challenged by heavy-hitting teams, the Cougars played with determination and had several close matches. One notable match was against Medaille at Mount Aloysius in which Chatham played hard but Medaille squeaked out with a 3-2 win. The match was determined in the final game which fell to Medaille 15-13.

With the addition of new players, the Chatham volleyball team is sure to be victorious in the seasons to come.

Basketball

by Allason Holt

Chatham Basketball had another record setting season. For the fourth year in a row, the team broke the school record for wins in a season; the Cougars won 11 games this year.

Chatham had all of the players return from last season's squad along with the addition of two first year players. The Cougars started off the semester strong by making it to the finals of the 2nd Annual Chatham University Tip Off Tournament. The women finished off the fall semester in California where they won two more games. The spring semester saw many line -up changes as the Cougars dealt with injuries.

Chatham pulled out some impressive victories like an 86-83 overtime win against Thiel. To end the season, Chatham played a strong game at Waynesburg to win 71-42.

The team graduates only two seniors, Hallie Arena and Allason Holt. Next year the Cougar basketball team will return with a strong group of veterans including All Conference Honorable Mentions Barb Petty and Kayla Hilko.

Award Winners

Most Valuable Player

Courtney Smith

Coach's Award

Anna Cordell

Dribbling the ball down the court, Courtney Smith keeps the ball away from the Pitt player.

Kayla Hilko bends her knees to shoot a free throw. Hilko was ranked 3rd in the PAC for free throw percentage (.829).

Sprinting down the court, Barb Petty keeps the ball away from her opponent. (left)

Working to get the ball back for Chatham, Hallie Arena stayson her player.

Concentrating on making the basketball in the hoop, Allason Holt gets ready to shoot a foul shot.

Concentrating on getting it to another Chatham player, Sara Forbes prepares to pass the puck.

Staying one stride away from the opponent, Laurer Campbell skates with the puck

Like one big family, the Chatham hockey team come together after a goal.

Vigorously skating, Alexis Smith works to catch up with the puck.

Stopping another shot, Brenn Scott demonstrates her ability t protect the goal. (right)

Hockey

Award Winners

Most Valuable Player

Lauren Campbell

Coach's Award

Ashley Reid

by Meg Padula

With one of the largest teams at Chatham University, the Chatham hockey produced its best season ever. Before this season, the team went eleven seasons straight with only one win. However, the team had a 5-19-1 record this year.

The Cougars had seven returning players from last year. With the addition of ten new players: Dawson Bancroft-Short, Lauren Campbell, Sara Forbes, Amanda Kohlbecker, Leah McNaughton, Breanne Mercanti, Alexandra Moffatt, Maria Prather, Ashley Reid, and Sydney Williams, the team was rounded out to 17 players for the 2008-2009 season.

In one memorable game, the hockey team went into overtime against Oswego. Chatham ended up winning that game 4-3, forcing Oswego of having the distinction of being the only team to lose to Chatham twice.

Chatham was one game shy of making the playoffs in a difficult conference, with four teams being in the top ten in the nation. Placing seventh in the conference, the hockey team looks extremely promising next year.

Swimming

by Casey Pawl

The Cougar swim team had a strong season. Returning swimmers Chelsea Mummert, Carly Hicks, Rachael Moynihan, Sarah Sindler, Sarah Rice, and Amy Kuuskoski were dominant in the pool along with help from the first year class of Natty Burford, Selina Breiner, Emily Price, and Ashten Omstead.

The team again traveled to Fort Lauderdale, FL over winter break for some serious training and team bonding, along with an intra-squad meet at the end of the trip. The Chatham swim team finished with 10 dual meet wins this season, along with winning the Agnes Scott Smart Women Sweat Challenge. Overall, the team had 227 personal bests and broke 20 school records. Kuuskoski, Price, Mummert, and Sindler were named Second Team All PAC.

Keep an eye on the Cougar swim team next year as the team continues to grow faster and stronger. First years Zia Meyer, Jessica Pais, Anita Balough, and Annelies Layton are swimmers to watch out for next season along with juniors Maureen Rohe, Kat Noble, and Tierney Geraci. It's a GREAT DAY TO BE A COUGAR SWIMMER!

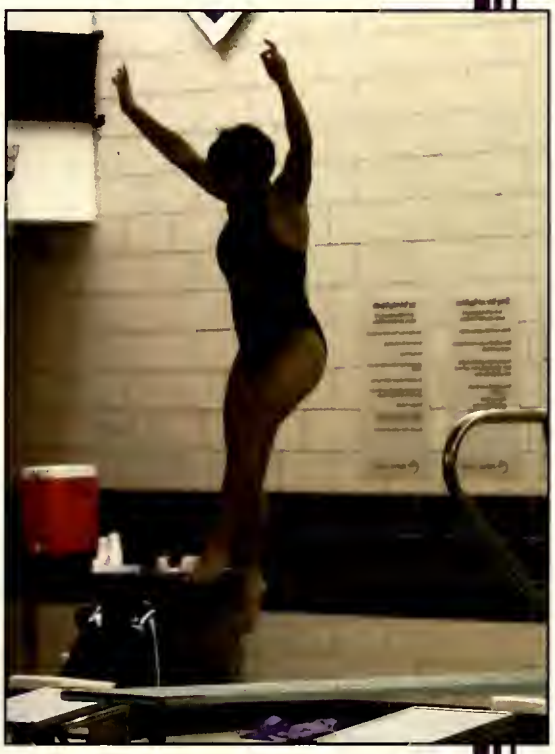
Front Row: Emily Price, Anita Balough, Liz Ulmer, Kelly Huston, Annelies Layton, Kat Noble. **Middle Row:** Kelly Zickefoose, Rachael Moynihan, Natty Burford, Selina Breiner, Jessica Pais, Ashten Omstead, Zia Meyer, Coach Michael Meyers. **Back Row:** Coach Ryan Redman, Maureen Rohe, Sarah Rice, Chelsea Mummert, Amy Kuuskoski, Casey Pawl, Christie Ryan, Sarah Sindler, Coach Nikki Clifford.

At the end of the pool, Christie Ryan stops after the race.

Preparing to dive into the water, Sarah Sindler waits on the starting block for the race to begin.

Like good athletes, Ashten Olmstead and Sarah Rice stretch before their race. (left)

Swiftly moving through the water, Kim Nagy continues to beat her opponent.



Jumping up and down to get high into the air, Katie Lucas prepares for a dive.

After making a terrific catch to end the inning, Barb Petty runs in to her team.

Crouching in front of the umpire, Paige Dunlap waits fo the pitch.

With her feet set, shortstop Dawson Bancroft-Short gets ready to field any ball that comes her way.

Hoping for a strike, pitcher Katie Lloyd prepares to launch the ball towards the batter.

Standing perfectly, Leah McNaughton waits for the perfec pitch. (right)

Softball

by Sam Greenwood

Chatham University Softball made a good name for themselves in the 2009 season.

After a promising fall pre-season, the team began its spring season at the Rebel Spring Games in Kissimmee, Florida. Despite a losing record, this young team learned a lot about skills, teamwork and what it means to be an NCAA Division III athlete.

Chatham began conference play against Carlow, Grove City, Thomas More, Franciscan and Bethany. Notable games include an 8 – 5 win over Carlow and back to back wins over Franciscan, with final scores of 8 – 0 and 20 – 7. This year's team is coached by Sam Lofaso and Jim Rapp with Meredith Troyan rounding out the coaching staff as the team's manager. The team had 5 returning players and 8 new players: Dawson Bancroft-Short, Carli Duncan, Robin Greenberg, Melissa Jordan, Colleen Marsh, Leah McNaughton, Danielle Pais, and Kaitlyn Wilson.

Despite challenges, the team showed steady improvement and promises to pose an ever-increasing threat in the Presidents' Athletic Conference.

Water Polo

by Casey Pawl

In its first year as a varsity sport at Chatham, the water polo team has already shown major improvement in play in the pool.

The Cougars opened the season at Slippery Rock, showing that they were not a team to be taken lightly. The team then traveled to Ann Arbor, MI to play against the University of Michigan and Indiana University to learn more about the game and get some experience under their belts.

The team was led by captains Natty Burford and Natalie Montoya, both from California with strong water polo backgrounds. The Cougars earned their first victory mid-March against Penn State Behrend with a score of 11-8.

Chatham will take the experience gained from their first season and build on it to come back stronger and faster next year. The team was led by starters Burford, Montoya, Amy Kuuskoski, Selina Breiner, Carly Hicks, Chelsea Mummert, and Jenna Luek. Also in the wings, Allison Bodine, Christine Frosch, Annelies Layton, Casey Pawl, Emily Price, Libby Perich, and Vanessa Venturella contribute speed and aggressiveness to the team.

Front Row: Natty Burford, Natalie Montoya, Christine Frosch, Vanessa Venturella. **Middle Row:** Libby Perich, Chelsea Mummert, Annelies Layton, Tierney Geraci. **Back Row:** Carly Hicks, Emily Price, Selina Breiner, Jenna Luek, Casey Pawl, Amy Kuuskoski, Allison Bodine.

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Taking her time to make the perfect throw, Selina Breiner holds the ball far away from the opposition.

aying vigorously, Vanessa enturella keeps the ball for hatham. (left)

Amy Kuuskoski defends her opponent while trying to get the ball for her team.

Holding the ball high in the air, Chelsea Mummert looks for a teammate to receive it.

People

Standing outside of the Chapel, the class of 2009 takes the traditional senior picture before Opening Convocation.

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HANDING out raffle tickets, Carena Winters-Hart makes sure every student has a chance to win a prize at Moonlight Breakfast.

SHOWING their fun personalities, Dr. Anne Skleder and Dr. Zauyah Waite pose as "Rosie the Riveter".

Pausing from eating, Dr. Janet Littrell, Jenn Hollern, and Allyson Holder smile at Thanksgiving Dinner.

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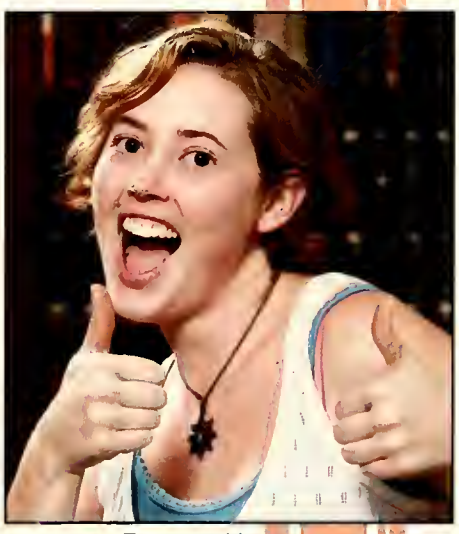
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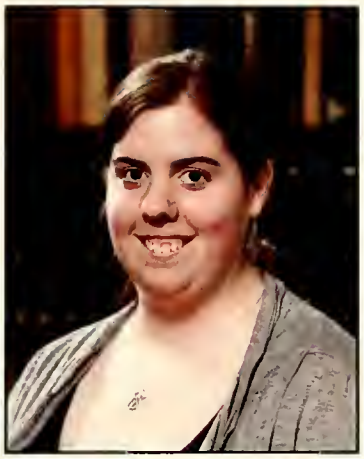

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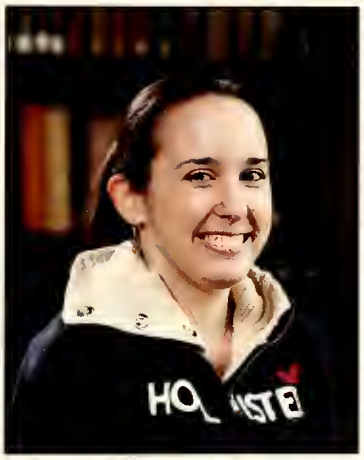

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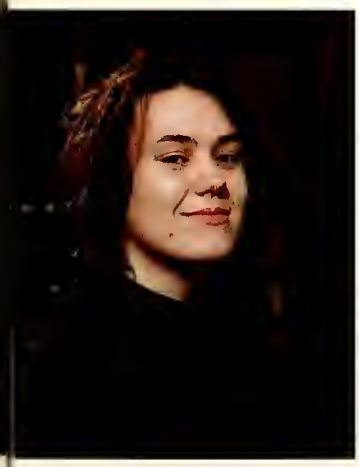

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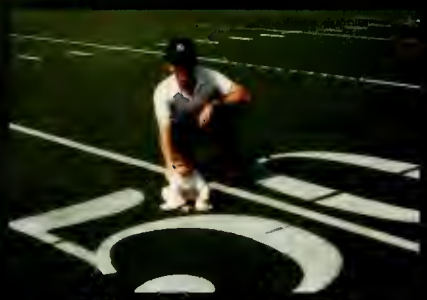

Always a band geek

Always prepared

Always a Halloween junkie

Always loves animals

And, of course...
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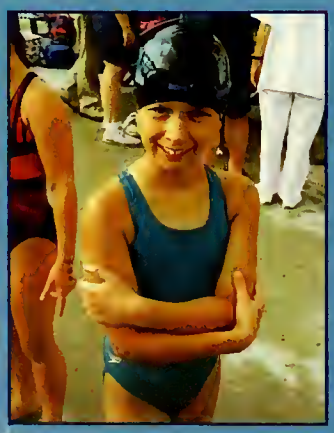
Amy



Congratulations

You're the best!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Jonathan, &
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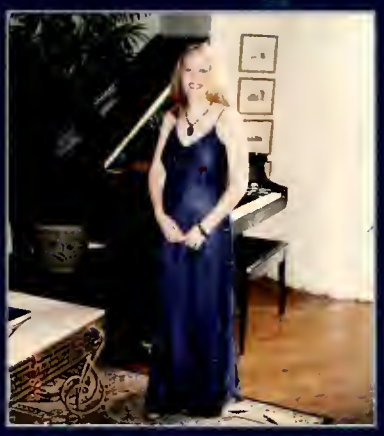

From Kansas to Texas, Missouri to Pennsylvania, it's been a whirlwind, and the journey's just beginning.

Congratulations and our love,
Mom, Dad, Anna, Mark, Jacob, & Lindsay

Dr. Fisher,

My work and my life are not the same without you.

I miss you. Chatham misses you.

Love, Flee

Congratulations Chrissy an you first step to success in what ever you decide to do in life. Your mom and I saw your first steps in life and will always be supportive of your future endeavors. Keep up the hard work and you will be successful in life. Love Mom & Dad

We are very proud of you!

Chrissy,
Congrats on your graduation! Good luck, we know you will do great things..
Love,
Nicole

Chrissy,
I am so proud of you... You do such a great job balancing everything in your life. All your hard work will pay off very soon Congrats and Good Luck I Love You So much
Love,
Josh

Chrissy,
Congrats, I know you will be successful in whatever you do. you should feel proud of your hard work!

Tory

Shooting stars are not on
the ground,
Always laugh with
friends around.
Be careful when you
drive a car,
May your school days
take you far!

Congratulations, Tory Bear!

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Ian

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